

# **The National Citizen Survey™**

## **Lynnwood, WA**

Open Ended Responses

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# Summary

The National Citizen Survey™ (The NCS™) is a collaborative effort between National Research Center, Inc. (NRC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). The survey and its administration are standardized to assure high quality research methods and directly comparable results across The NCS communities. This report includes the verbatim responses to an open ended question included on The NCS 2014 survey for Lynnwood. Additional reports and the technical appendices are available under separate cover.

Respondents were asked to record their opinions about top community qualities in the following question:

- What are the top three qualities of the City of Lynnwood that make it a great community?

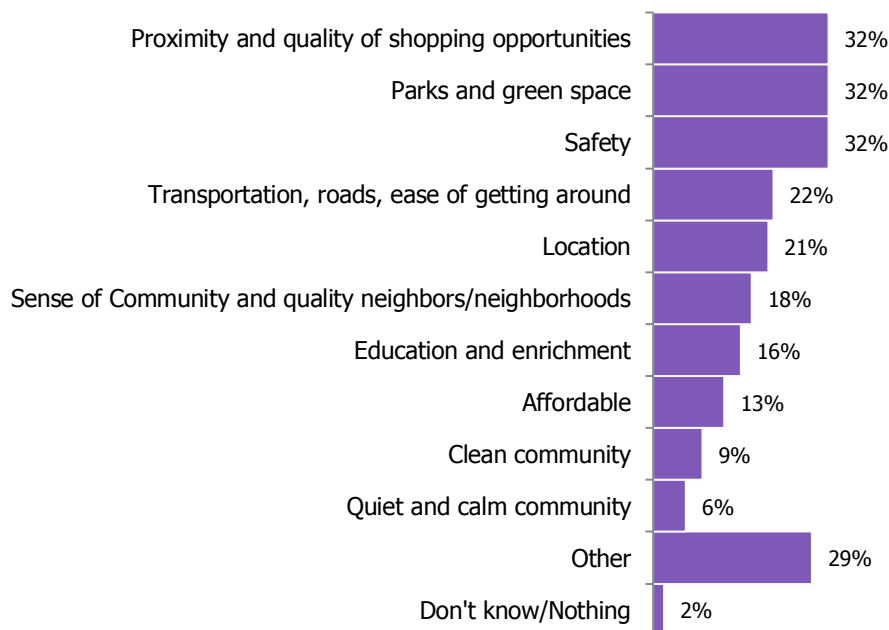
The verbatim responses were categorized by topic area and those topics are reported in the following chart with the percent of responses given in each category. Because some comments from residents covered more than a single topic, each topic mentioned by a resident was categorized and counted in the following chart. Verbatim comments that contain more than one topic appear only once (in the category of the first topic listed), however the analysis counts each of the topic areas given by all respondents regardless where those topics appeared in the comment.

Results from the open-ended question are best understood by reviewing the frequencies that summarize responses as well as the actual verbatim responses themselves. A total of 586 surveys were completed by Lynnwood residents; of these, 372 respondents wrote in responses for the open-ended question.

When asked to indicate what top three qualities they thought make Lynnwood a great community, about one-third of respondents indicated each of the following: safety; parks and green space; and proximity and quality of shopping opportunities. About one in five respondents indicated transportation, roads and ease of getting around as a top quality of the community.

Figure 1: Question 17

*What are the top three qualities of the City of Lynnwood that make it a great community?*



Total may exceed 100% as respondents could select more than one option.

# Verbatim Responses to Open Ended Question

The following pages contain the respondents' verbatim responses as written on the survey and have not been edited for spelling or grammar. Responses have been organized by coded topic areas.

## What are the top three qualities of the City of Lynnwood that make it a great community?

### Proximity and quality of shopping opportunities

- (1) Places to eat & shop. (2) Public transit. (3) Public parks & open spaces.
- . Most everything I need is within a few miles - shopping, good variety of restaurants, parks. . Clean middle class neighborhoods. . Lots of community classes & activities offered.
- 1. Access to good shopping. 2. Diversity. 3. Access to freeways.
- 1. Easy to reach goods & services. 2. Open green areas. 3. Excellent EMT services.
- 1. Excellent shopping opportunities - Alderwood Mall with its free parking. 2. Excellent school district - Edmonds School District. 3. Close to Edmonds, Waterfront and Puget Sound & trains. 4. Lynnwood recreation center is outstanding 5. Good access to I-5 and I-405.
- 1. Excellent variety of businesses. 2. The addition of the swift bus line. 3. The location amongst the cities of Seattle, of Everett, of Mill Creek and of Edmonds: Ease of access to tourist activities yet not being at the hub is preferable to me.
- 1. Good shopping at good stores (Close by). 2. Close to (Hwy 99 - Freeway's). 3. When I can go, lots of great parks. 4. Close to Edmonds and the beach.
- 1. Make business available. 2. Health related programs affordable. 3. Improve standard of education. \* Bus services should not be interrupted in Sundays please. Please enforce for the sake of the working people.
- 1. Make small and local business essential for our communities sustainability. 2. Friendly public service/ customer service. 3. Cleanliness and safety within the city.
- 1. Shopping Areas! 2. Parks-Rec. Areas! 3. Quite neighborhoods!
- 1. Shopping. 2. Parks. 3. Library.
- 3) The businesses it attracts; more small business needed. 2) The "city cow" is easy access for business/ comm. services. 1) Small town feel encourages sense of safety & community.
- Access of shopping-mall. Bus service has deteriorated!
- Access to goods & services/ convenience. Diversity, Cultural & Economic. Location/ Proximity to Seattle/ Everett/ 405.
- Access to restaurants & shopping/everyday shopping.- Generally a safe neighborhood & shopping areas.- Maintenance of streets & roads.
- Access to shopping, restaurants & services. Parks, trails and rec. center. Affordable.
- Access to Shopping. Senior Service. Hoping new Mayor will listen to the people and do more than are last one.
- Accessibility to stores. Availability of health care facilities. Cleanliness of Downtown area.
- Availability of services, shopping. Feeling of friendliness. Attractive houses.
- Close proximity to store encourage walking to do shopping.
- Close to shopping, medical services & other services. It has good emergency services. Strong focus on crime prevention.
- Commercial district. Pubic transit. Community centers.
- Convenience of shopping/services. - Good Access to parks/open spaces.
- Diverse retail & restaurants. - Commutability to Seattle via LTC. - More affordable than Seattle. - Fireworks (don't ban them).
- Ease of available stores. Lynnwood court system is the worst.
- Ease of shopping for anything. Beginning of community gardens. The new farmers market.
- Easily accessible to mall, recreation, stores & schools. Great schools (public school system). Good place to have a business (lower business taxes).

- Easy access to a wide array of businesses & industries centrally located with easy access to Seattle, Everett & Bellevue. Easy access to recreation opportunities at the sound. Solid education foundation in Edmonds School District.
- Easy access to businesses, grocery. Improving streets - still a way to go but making effort. Community center.
- Easy access to mall and supermarkets. Nice parks and bicycle walks. Affordable rent.
- Easy access to shopping. Addresses easy to find. Good library except for sign and transient sleeping outside by door constantly.
- Every store you need. Everything close. Schools and hospital close.
- Excellent retail & restaurant availability. Lots of potential retail space. Bus service needs to be expanded to late night & Sundays.
- Good shopping opportunities. Good fire & police protection. Good health services needs by (hospital & doctors).
- Great shopping. Ease of getting around. Lots of trees & flowers. Plenty of churches.
- It has great shopping; I think it needs more open areas/Parks and community activities.
- Lots of stores. Restaurants.
- Lynnwood is just a place for people to come, use the city's resources, and shop. Everyone I know says Lynnwood has awful traffic and it is nothing but mall and concrete.
- Proximity to shopping & commercial services.
- Shopping opportunities. Health care availability. Education enhancement.
- Shopping opportunities. Recreation opportunities & parks. Diversity of cities citizens.
- Shopping. Ease of travel. Location.
- Shopping. Interurban bike trail. It is not Mountlake Terrace or Shoreline or South Everett.
- Shopping. Parks. Neighbors.
- Variety of shopping. Location. Cleanliness.

### Parks and green space

- - Family parks. - Events/ holiday (need more of). - Neighborhood watch (need more).
- - Good parks & recreation. - Great location near Puget Sound & easy access to highways. - It's not Tacoma.
- . Rec. center - 188th & 44th Ave W. Lynnwood Library. . Visioning process in which any resident can be involved.
- 1) An awesome recreation center! Pool & hot tub excellent! Great investment. 2) Public school system! Youth friendly community! 3) Health services close to home - Swedish Medical Center & Physicians.
- 1) Variety of parks. 2) Active recreation center. 3) Variety of shopping opportunities.
- 1. City park. 2. Safety. 3. Street lighting.
- 1. Peaceful, tree-filled landscape. 2. Relatively hassle-free. 3. Close availability of health facilities, stores, and access to major highways & freeways.
- Beautiful parks, Good retail shopping, quiet.
- Community programs. Access to fire & police. Shopping options.
- Environment, rent prices, parks.
- Good (Great rec center, great community garden, great library services, great police, & great fire). Not so good (Poor timing of traffic lights, police cars look like they are driven by teenagers)!
- Good recreational opportunities. Good public transportation. Plenty of stores & restaurants.
- Great and well-equipped parks. Nice streets with beautiful sidewalks. Improved school performance.
- Great parks & city services. My interactions with city government have been poor. I called regarding abandoned cars but the city didn't respond. Police are rude.
- Great parks department -Regionally engaged staff -Strong performing police & fire.
- Great parks. Good location between Seattle/Everett. Good shopping for various things we all needs.
- Green & comfortable. Good utilities. Safety. Transit center.
- Green spaces and parks. Shopping. Schools.
- Lots of public parks. Can bike or walk anywhere easily. Has a lot of greenery & wetlands.
- Maintenance of parks, sidewalks, city property, schools extremely poor a definite eye sore.
- Natural environment/preservation. More of a need or concern - Limiting new high density housing developments. Sense of community.

- Parks - new farmers market. New store & accessibility to them. Preservation of green areas.
- Parks, K-12 education, safety.
- Parks, Parks & Parks.
- Parks. Ease of access.
- Parks. Police, fire etc. Restaurants.
- Parks. Public safety. Emergency destroying and economy.
- Parks. Rec. center. Shopping.
- Parks. Restaurants. Library.
- Preserved parks/wildlife, natural environment. - Urban conveniences.- Multi-faceted communities > young/old/racially diverse/Family oriented, excellent police patrol service.
- Public services such as parks, libraries, rec. center convenient location - freeway access. Friendly neighborhoods. Good Schools.
- Rec center. Library. Parks.
- Recreation center - pool esp., library, trees.
- Recreation center/aquatics/senior center. Convenient & freeways. Diversity of population.
- The rec center. The parks. Farmers market.
- Trees. Shopping. Proximity to I-5, I-405 and 99.
- We do have well maintained parks. We have a more small community flavor. We have good transportation system if needed.
- We have nice parks. Shopping Variety. Available housing. (Side note - trying to get into the pool/swim classes is a nightmare.)

## Safety

- - The availability to many sources. - The banned fireworks 'A now peaceful & safe Environment'. - The continuous improvements in the city.
- (1) Low crime. (2) Walking distance to shopping & services is good.
- (1) Parks, trails, trees. (2) Free parking, good streets. (3) Lower property taxes.
- . Crime is being managed well. . The education institution is excellent. . Friendly & wholesome place to live and raise a family. . Decision-makers are accessible.
- 1) A top notch police department. 2) City improvements. 3) Development projects.
- 1) Overall feeling of safety. 2) Quality of overall health & wellness. 3) Quality as a place to raise children.
- 1) The safety (didn't hear any criminal activity since I started living here) only since a month ago. 2) Cleanness & air is also clean and fresh. 3) Availability of transportation concerning where I am living presently is good.
- 1. Attempts to correct criminal element. 2. Street improvements. 3. Parks & recs.
- 1. Noise control (car alarms yard parties). 2. Healthy communities programming & policy institutions. 3. Public safety. Lynnwood is doing a pretty good job.
- 1. Safe. 2. Cost of living. 3. Access to shopping, recreation, and schooling.
- 1. Safety 2. Being educationally supportive to all level of residents 3. Good neighborhood parks.
- 1. Safety. 2. Cleanness. 3. Public Services.
- 1. Safety. 2. Natural environment. 3. Economic health.
- 1. This police really try. 2. It's Midway to all the places, I need to go. 3. It's cheaper than other places, I'd rather live.
- 9-1-1 response. Nearby shopping.
- Concentration of commercial/Retail, City services, Parks, Convention center
- Emergency services. Recreational - Access to parks, Green Spaces, Trails. Business diversity.
- Emergency svs close by. Close to Seattle. Close to great shopping.
- Excellent police, fire, hospitals, schools.
- Feel safe. Near medical help. All sources of needs nearby.
- Feeling of public safety. Access to public parks. Government not over-regulating the citizens.
- Feeling of safety. Visual appeal. Community friendliness.
- Good police services, schools and good neighbors.
- Good to excellent 1st responders (Police, Fire) ambulance. Good diversity and sense of community. Excellent library and senior center.

- Great police and fire services. Accessible to I-5, easy to get to Seattle and Everett. Many shopping opportunities.
- Great police, fire, EMS services. Good attempts to engage home owners in local politics, meetings & planning's.
- I can't think of anything at all. We have an unfriendly police dept. a lot of apathetic residents and most residents are not friendly. I've lived in high class neighborhoods where people were very friendly! I don't know why the people of Lynnwood are so snobby when there's absolutely nothing to be snobby about!
- I do not see loitering; streets feel safe to walk on. Hate those camera stop lights. Get rid of them - its corruption.
- Low criminal rate. Shopping centers.
- Lynnwood downtown not much worries compared to others. . Safety. . Traffic signs.
- Lynnwood is so good city for live. No problems, all is quiet and secure.
- Major doing her jobs. Councils doing their work very well. Police responses. Cleaning of all the streets and mall, grocery stores and parks. Availability of the places to worship God.
- Overall a place of safety, calmness and a cheerful (not depressing) community.
- Overall feeling of safety in Lynnwood. City sponsored special events provides opportunities for the residents to come for socialization & gather information of what resources are out there and available. The Recreational center, libraries, and shopping centers are pretty awesome places to go & have fun.
- Overall safety, the rec center, amount of places to shop.
- Police are responsive. Not too crowded. Services (Food, health recreation center).
- Police protection, overall nice community and close to water.
- Police services. Animal control. Traffic enforcement.
- Police, Fire dept., Health clinics.
- Public activities that are design for all families in any range of age. To improve the quality of life providing service for low income and single mom or dad families, to make sure they can received any needs improvement of education.
- Public safety. Easy shopping. Close medical availability.
- Public safety. Economic environment. Public health.
- Public services, Cleanliness, Parks, Businesses & diversity.
- Quality police department. Very responsive & proactive. Friendly & inclusive. Cleanliness
- Relatively low crime. It is clean, mostly. Has lots of shopping opportunities.
- Safe environment. Natural setting. Location to Seattle.
- Safe low crime. Ease of transportation. Sense of community.
- Safe, easy access to freeways & arterials.
- Safe, Fairly quiet, green spaces.
- Safe. Affordable housing. Ease of getting around.
- Safe. Friendly. Easy access.
- Safe. Good neighbor. Park.
- Safety- Clean- Food cheap (General cost of living).
- Safety for neighborhood. - Traffic around The Alderwoods mall. - Business/restaurants variety/Options.
- Safety, affordable housing.
- Safety, clean environment. Less homeless on the side walk, traffic density, clean air more trees in 99 Corridor.
- Safety, eco-Friendly city, no plastic bags, compost picking of wet waste.
- Safety, education, healthy.
- Safety, good education, lots of stores.
- Safety. Ease of travel. Sense of community.
- Safety. Fire response. Police response.
- The police's service. More transportation. More buses.
- We are newer to area (approx. 1 1/2 yrs). I feel extremely safe in neighborhood, able to ride bus to Seattle-family employed in Seattle school dist. (Edmonds) test scores.

#### Transportation, roads, ease of getting around

- - Transportation. - Family friendly. - shopping opportunities.



- (1) Ease of transportation / except Sundays which can be a problem. (2) Maintenance of luxury bus travel and other paths. (3) Shopping & cleaning.
- . Great access to everywhere . Well maintained parks . Good park & ride, but needs more parking desperately!!!
- 1) Access to other areas, major traffic ways. 2) Growth and access to resources. 3) Neighbors.
- 1. Close proximity to freeway. What it needs the most is making people clean up their yards in weeks, cars parked on lawns etc.
- 1. Ease of access to area with 405 and 5 and with coming mass transit improvement. 2. Diverse community - well managed. 3. Ease of access to green areas and parks/recreation.
- 1. Hub of great transportation to Bellevue & Seattle North. 2. Several parks. 3. Convenience for shopping - since I don't like to shop, I do not spend a lot of time travelling to do my shopping.
- 1. More parking space in parks & ride. 2. More routes to other destinations from Lynnwood P & R, include Sat. & Sun. 3. More enforcement on streets where there are people speeding like crazy!!! 4. Lights in park after dark!
- 196th traffic light timing/community add transit buses. Getting a community feeling i.e. Edmonds. Safety services.
- Access to I-5 or I-405. Access to shopping.
- Accessibility, greenness & calmness.
- Bus service should and must continue on Sundays. Please!
- Carefully planned communities. Easy access to I5 and 405. Great Schools.
- Close to interstate/ easy access. - Close to mall and other shopping places. - No racism.
- Ease of commute through The city. - availability of different types of stores. - safe neighborhood.
- Ease of getting around. Variety of stores. ?
- Easy access to everything. ? ?
- Easy access to I-5, 405, Hwy 99. Feels very safe day and night. Solid middle-income community with general good values and citizenship.
- Easy access. Affordable needs. New "Civic spirit".
- Good freeway access & transportation options (Edmonds ferry). Good access to dining, entertainment & shopping. All of the conveniences you need so you don't have to go outside of the city.
- I sold my car last year. I appreciate bus service & the excellent choices of shopping centers close to where I live.
- Nice place to call home. Easy access to shopping malls & place to work and schools. Diversity of residents.
- Relative ease of public transportation on I-5 corridor, closeness to urban cultural activities, and museums relative sense of safety (compared to Everett).
- Walk ability. Neighborhood night out. Friendly staff - city.

## Location

- - Big, but doesn't feel too big. - Proximity to other towns/cities/options - 10 or 15 minutes to Shoreline/Mukilteo/Maltby/Edmonds etc. love that. - Diverse so many different peoples/cultures/languages. Nice little melting pot.
- (1) From where I buy everything I need such a shopping, Library etc., is within 5 min. (2) Park & good schools. (3) Family activities.
- 1) Close to & easy access to Seattle, Bellevue, Everett. 2) All major stores, shopping close by. 3) Parks, greenways available.
- 1) It is not a Seattle or Bellevue! 2) It does not have overbearing government and intrusion into individual activities! 3) In past it has been somewhat responsible about Taxation and Expenditures!
- 1) Location. 2) Easy access to medical services (private). 3) It has a mall.
- 1) Location. 2) Parks. 3) Safety.
- 1) Near work. 2) Middle class families. 3) Strong Emergency services - Police, Fire, Ambulance.
- 1) Position and location (North Side of Seattle). 2) Safety, less criminal activities, good. 3) Nice people, good services.
- 1. Central Hub. 2. Great Parks & trails. 3. Community Transit. 4. Health care access.
- 1. Handy to the other communities. 2. Good shopping. 3. Nice parks.
- 1. Location. 2. Cost of living. 3. Safety of residents.



- 3. Location & access to Seattle, Everett & Bellevue. 2. Great police, fire & other govt. services. 1. A decent number of good neighborhoods to live in, But many of these will be ruined, if Paine Field is opened to commercial Airlines!!!
- Access to Puget Sound area in all directions (East side, Everett, Seattle). Low taxes & cost of housing. Quiet cul-de-sac neighborhoods.
- Access to what you need. Good people. Employment.
- Accessibility of all my needs: healthcare, shopping, recreation, childcare, education. Great parks and activities for my family. Not too big - not too small.
- Accessibility to both Everett & Seattle. Public transportation available. Varied shopping available.
- Accessibility to Seattle. Safe bc good law enforcement. Many pleasant outdoor spaces.
- Accessibility. Business districts quality. Parks.
- Accessibility. Property value. Road care.
- Between Seattle & Everett. The mall. The rec center. I have met people from Kirkland, Seattle, Bothell, "say ours is the best pools". Please encourage homeowners to keep our fir trees. 17 have been cut in my neighborhood in the last year. We lost a Falcon family because their house was cut down.
- Close proximity to Seattle beach/Edmonds.
- Close to big water. Shopping is close by.
- Closed to city & rural. Friendly neighborhoods. Plenty of green areas.
- Convenience, Parks, Good traffic light response.
- Convenience. - Appearance. - Apt. Living.
- Convenient access to shopping.
- Easy access to major city. Safe community. Cleanliness overall of area/city.
- Familiarity. Location to Seattle. Lots of choices.
- Good location. Shopping. Good neighborhoods.
- Location - Beauty & Convenience. Swedish facilities nearby. Schools.
- Location - great access to I-5 & 405.
- Location near Puget sound. Diversity. Public transportation.
- Location only.
- Location, conveniences.
- Location, services, cost.
- Location.
- Location.
- Location. - Diversity of people. - Beauty.
- Location. Library & surrounding vicinity. Varieties of business in town.
- Location. Location. Location.
- Location. Services.
- Location. Shopping. Services.
- Location. Size. Feeling of safety - low crime rate.
- Location. Size. Fewer barking dogs than Monroe.

### Sense of community and quality neighbors/neighborhoods

- - Home to young & growing families. . Routes are available for traffic to avoid traffic enforcement cameras. . Access/ quantity/ quality of parks and school yards.
- 1. Feeling connected to each other/ neighbors/ communication. 2. Safe streets/ neighborhoods. 3. Unifying fun family events to give us a chance to meet our community.
- 1. It's a "Big-small" city. 2. Good grocery shopping - Safeway, Albertsons 2 2FC's all within 2 miles of each other (Top had also been there). 3. The fire department - very prompt when we had our fire in 1998 good workers who care!!
- 1. Neighbors. 2. Recreation & parks facilities. 3. Library.
- 1. Neighbors. 2. Single family neighborhoods if they are protected from bad zoning and traffic. 3. Getting a better Mayor and Council in the next few years. These people need replacing!
- 1. Not a large city. 2. Ease traveling. 3. Medical ass.

- 1. Still retains small town neighborhoods. 2. Ease of access to regional amenities. 3. Chance for reason to prevail in growth management before ego's get in the way.
- Caring neighbors in the city. Safe place to live. Great public services.
- Community based. Many available services. Leaving cost somewhat fair.
- Friendliness. Good schools. Fire dept & police dept are tops.
- Friendly citizens. Resources for seniors. Police and fire- I'm proud to say, I've lived here since 1968.
- Friendly neighbors. Great parks & activities. Education.
- Friendly people. Nice parks & rec areas. I've loved it off & on for over 30 years.
- Friendly, honest people. Helpful if needed.
- Friendly. Good neighborhoods. Close Shopping.
- Good - Caring - Helpful neighbors. A sense of belonging. A place for gathering.
- Good neighbors, Green spaces and it being a small city with services close by. What has happened over the last 30 yrs is a crime!
- Great community. Great environment.
- It is a friendly community @ business's. It's location gives me great access to Bellevue, Bothell, Mukelto & L.F.P, Shoreline with in a matter of minutes. The police seen aware and engaged in keeping our community safe.
- It is people friendly. It is a good place to raise children (I raised three here). It is generally a nice quiet, clean place to live.
- It's people (hardworking, honest neighbors). Location (near mall, water, Seattle, east side). Business (we have every business we need).
- Longtime residents. Parks.
- My neighborhood. Great Bus service. Green space.
- Nice people, great senior center, safety.
- No real tall buildings to block views. Keep them 4 stories or less. Residential houses are on big parcels - very family friendly. Very diversified housing. All countries invited to Lynnwood.
- People friendly, activities galore, ease of involvement available.
- People. Air Quality.
- Sense of community/ Know neighbors. Economic base. Location.
- Since coming here, I've been care-taker for my husband until his death, 7 month ago, and not able to get acquainted with the town yet. I enjoy the retirement where I live. People are very accepting and friendly.
- Small town feel. Quiet neighborhoods. Kind people.
- Still small town feel. Lots of police present; To aggressive @ times. Plenty of public facilities.
- Stonebridge community. Closeness to major grocery chains. Senior center & rec center.
- The people - school - medical care. Cost of living. Goods business.
- The people who live here and have for years.
- The people, the city council services and shopping opportunities (the Alderwood Mall).
- Vibrant energy. Neighborhoods. Schools.

### Education and enrichment

- . Great library system. . Interurban trail. . Community transit & sound transit. . Awesome fire dept. Note: I walk near home and also at lunch where I work in U. District. Lynnwood trees are in very bad shape and tent caterpillar infected. Lynnwood is not "LUSH".
- . Incredible public library system. . Affordable housing. . Accessibility of commerce.
- 1) Schools. 2) Ease of access to a wide variety of businesses. 3) Trails/Parks.
- 1. Good school district. 2. Good options for higher education such as community college & several 4yr universities & ten schools in Lynnwood. 3. Lots of parks.
- 1. The library, rec center etc. all together. 2. City employees are helpful and prompt whenever we've needed help. 3. It's convenient to so many places - the freeway shopping, Puget Sound.
- 1. The rec center, library & park on 44th. 2. Good selection of shopping. 3. Diversity.
- Adult education. I like shopping in my neighborhood & supporting local merchants - This should be encouraged by community more recycle containers in parks & out and about.

- Awesome winter road maintenance!! Minimum loss of power during winter storms. Quick response to emergencies.
- Excellent school system. Health services. Safety.
- Family development opportunities. Traffic. Recreational facilities & programming.
- Good schools. Easy access to parks and recreation opportunities. Quiet suburban setting.
- Good schools. Good infrastructure & services. Good shopping opportunities.
- K-12 education. Lots of parks. Active volunteer community & opportunities (VIP, Citizens Patrol, Lynnwood U, etc.) Keep it up.
- Library. Parks. Communication opportunities with leadership.
- Library. Rec center. Health service.
- Located in Edmonds school district. - Close proximity to Seattle. - Lower property taxes.
- Quality schools. Law enforcement connecting with community i.e. k9 fundraisers & kid events. Incredible library!
- The area where I live have library, recreation center, shopping center and senior center. Those make me very happy. I moved to Lynnwood 3 months ago.
- Youth programs, drug & alcohol education.

### Affordable

- (1) Affordability of housing. (2) Easy access to freeway. (3) Parks and recreation are high quality.
- 1) Cheap rent. 2) The free artesian water on 164th. 3) Parks & open space.
- 1. Cost of living in Lynnwood. 2. Provide services to low income/homeless individuals. 3. Health and wellness opportunities in Lynnwood.
- 1. Lower income people can live here just as I have for 60 years. If you want to live in Bellevue, move to Bellevue! 2. We pay high taxes, water, P4D, keep them down! 3. Continue to encourage small business.
- 1. Reasonable housing prices. 2. Proximity to the downtown Seattle - Bus services to my wife good. 3. Diversity of the city population.
- Affordable housing. Access to parks. Nice rec. center.
- Affordable. Safe. Multi-cultural.
- Cost of living. Closeness to work - Seattle & safety. Lack of abandoned & junkyards - neatness counts.
- Cost of living. Diversity. Cost of living.
- Cost of living. Lots of parks! Good transit.
- Relatively low cost of living. Convenience to commute. Convenience to shopping centers.
- Somewhat cheaper to live in than surrounding communities. Ease of access to king county. Access to EDCC.
- Still a little cheaper to live here instead of Seattle. Nice parks. Variety of stores.

### Clean community

- Clean looking. Employment Opportunities. Shopping mall.
- Clean place to live. Public parks. Major retailers.
- Clean, accessible, affordable.
- Clean, kept homes, neighborhoods. Traffic flow.
- Clean, safe, convenient.
- Clean. Developed well. Location to surrounding cities.
- Cleanliness, easy traffic, good shopping.
- Cleanliness, economy, people.
- Cleanliness. Accessibility to businesses/transportations. Great police & fire departments!!!
- Cleanliness. Easy going attitudes. Safety.
- Lynnwood is clean. Has many well-kept parks. Easy access to all directions travelling. Negatives - Lynnwood is not pretty, no "downtown", no local stores - mostly chains Yuda.
- Nice clean neighborhood. Ease of Transportation to freeways. Close to shops, police, fire department & civil center.
- Up keep of neighborhoods. Crime prevention - good police & fire response times. Quality of schools - education!

### Quiet and calm community

- 1. Noise prevention (car alarms, yard parties). 2. Crime (not bad). 3. Streets (some are in rough condition not bad).
- 1. Quietness. 2. Access to a lot, just by walking. 3. Trees.
- Calm. Decent/ clean. Safe.
- Quiet, accessible, & safe (great fire & police dept).

### Other

- .Responsive. - Small enough to be personal. - Variety.
- "No" fireworks!!! Lynnwood does not have a "main" street, not a "real" town (city). Too spread out. Taxes too high! & sales tax too high.
- 1) Outlawing fireworks - best!
- 1. Allowing residents to do fireworks (oh, its been taken away).
- 1. City center activities (sport events, public events etc). 2. Trails. 3. Parks.
- 1. Lynnwood is one of the most difficult cities to walk in. (Lack of appropriate sidewalks)! 2. Traffic signal timing is poor & creates backups. 3. "Over development" (poor planning & too many housing units) affects traffic, schools - high enrollment and lack of pride in personal neighborhood.
- 1. No red light camera's. 2. No red light camera's. 3. No red light camera's. They make people not want to come to Lynnwood.
- 1. There is no benefit at Lynnwood golf course for Lynnwood citizen. 2. No Photograph on 196th St S.W. 3. Often raise utilities.
- 1. Too much traffic cameras!!! 2. Too many tickets from policemen.
- 1. We have a great woman Mayor. 2. Fireworks are banned - Hooray! 3. Neighbors care about each other.
- All needed services are close by.
- Allow fireworks!
- Appreciation of cultural diversity. Serious efforts to deal with problems. Ponds & green spaces.
- Banning fireworks. The 4th of July is the celebration of our nations independence, for which our forefathers died for. To add insult to injury the city council denied the people at Lynnwood their right to vote on the issue. I will never again vote for any of the following people: Nicola Smith, Chris Boyer, Loren Simmons, Sid Roberts and Ruth Ross. And I always vote.
- Bike paths & lanes. Great libraries. Clean water.
- Cultural diversity. Excellent library services. Excellent police & fire dept!
- Diversity of population. Convenience/access to goods, services, transportation.
- Diversity, shopping/ businesses, parks (commerce).
- Do not reduce lane of cars & bicycles. Synchronization of stop light on Hwy 99 would help to flow. Better planning of buses to Down Town at 44 Street. Just one?
- Every community is only as good as its poorest individual's. All individuals need not fall thru cracks. The rest of the community benefits.
- Fewer days than Everett. Less expensive than Seattle.
- Hanging flower baskets of 196th & around the community center. Christmas tree lighting.
- Haven't been here a year yet. No even familiar with borders & contents. Hate 99 driving & 196th. Hope you fixed the 4 second cameras!! That is/was offensive!!
- Health, safety, employment.
- Hospital. Parks.
- I can't list 3, as it seems that everything is rapidly going downhill. Poor infrastructure.
- I dislike Lynnwood - mainly because of the lack of a city center, the lack of air quality & the traffic.
- I have lived here 55 years and have watched Lynnwood grow some good some not so good but overall I enjoy living here and do not plan to leave anytime soon.
- Irrelevant.
- It is not a "Great community". It is a "good community" to improve do: 1. More traffic cameras. 2. More transparent services for needy. 3. Re prioritize the job of police. They are ignoring traffic violations nearly completely.

- It's not a "great community". We lived here for almost 30 years and there's never been a consistent vision or push to improve. It remains a strip-mall community that doesn't really care about neighborhoods.
- It's not a great "Community". Lynnwood has a long ways to go to feel a great sense of community.
- It's not great but it could be.
- I've lived here all my life and even though it doesn't seem to have a "city center" it still seems up and coming in arts, technologies, public events.
- Living on 200th SW can see Golf course green from my front door. I put on access sign on 76th & 200th. So people see as this is a turnaround street because 17 #1.
- Lynnwood has had the same traffic headaches for years. We routinely go to Edmonds rather than fighting the congestion of Lynnwood. It is viewed as place to shop - not a real community. When people ask where we live we prefer to say Edmonds, so they don't think we live by the mall, strip mall or fast food joints.
- Lynnwood is only OK I can't think of anything that makes it great with the possible exception of Edmonds CC & Ladro coffee.
- More culture and arts, we only stop in Lynnwood. We spend our \$ at restaurants, shops, art & culture events elsewhere - nothing to do here- city government is a joke, stupid camera red lights.
- More sidewalks.
- My apt does not recycle or do yard Waste (for kitchen waste) - it should be required. (It also recycles to recycle facility).
- My home. Nothing else really comes to mind as I see the city as a whole average & while city employees are friendly - they are always quick to say that they may not be able to help you with your situation because of budget concerns. I think the police dept. doesn't need such sharp looking vehicles to do a good job.
- My only complaint is the traffic merge from I-5 onto 196th just before 36 Ave west. It is extremely dangerous to have to merge into freeway exit traffic in order to turn into 36th! I hate it!!! I also am unhappy at the lack of improvement on road surface on 36th which has been getting worse the entire (almost) 50 years I have lived here although recent repaving was done on 44th without need for it!
- New development of homes. Mall & stores. Small businesses.
- New Mayor. This survey. Proximity to interstate freeways.
- No businesses located in homes in a neighborhood. A caring city council and Mayor. Stop overbuilding apartment complexes.
- No comment. Hate, Taxes are way to high for what we have. Dumb - Dumb that the people in Lynnwood have to pay \$20.00 more for tabs on car. We did not get to vote. You do not consider the elder, we cannot afford that. Looking for a place (another town), Rip off.
- No tall buildings.
- None, We didn't know it was called "Lynnwood" when we moved here because our kids wanted to try a new school with less drugs. So they started Meadowdale, within 3 days both my kids were offered drugs. The are now in K-12 online. We're looking for a "Cleaner" town or city to move to.
- Not a typical resident - Primary home is in PT - Keep an apt in Lynnwood in lieu of hotels.
- Nothing. Nothing. Nothing.
- Seems like city of Lynnwood & city officials lack communication with residents of Lynnwood. If you leave a voice mail or correspondence in writing they pick & choose who they respond to. Lynnwood has no good qualities.
- Senior services. Superior Elem. & High school, Lynndale Elem., Meadowdale H.S, Seaview Elem.
- Size. Availability & access to shopping. In addition to the positive qualities, I find in my particular neighborhood most of the time because of a trailer park I often- actually very often I cannot legally park my car on the street in front of my own house. Too many people in the trailer park & many vehicles never move.
- Size. Quality of life. Safety.
- The ease of health service. Great number of food stores, exct. stores. Caring and helpful associations.
- The Love.
- There have been some nice improvements in Lynnwood, 148th Fred Meyer and new apartments and new mall on 196th. 95% of people I know would not move to Lynnwood do to overkill on so many cameras and this will be the reason I move out of Lynnwood get rid of this traffic surveillance cameras.
- There's nothing positive I can say other than the roads are getting better. Worst is : Too much speeding on 168th, too much building. There's more crime of some distortion of places graffiti etc.
- Too much building in Lynnwood. People cannot get out of their driveways with all the traffic.

- Traffic is terrible!!
- Turning right on "Red" stop light - will get a ticket? I think its very wrong! Let's Stop giving ticket on cars turning right.
- You all need to recycle to are trash.

Don't know/nothing

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- At present time I don't have anything.
- Don't know.
- Have no opinion.
- I can't think of one.
- N/A
- N/A
- No comment.
- Not applicable.